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1. PER REFTEL REQUEST CARRILLO PRESENTED FOLLOWING PLENARY REVIEW PROMPTED BY EMBOFF CORRIDOR QUESTION RE PRC ABSENCE AT BANGKOK REGIONAL CONSULTATION.

2. ANTONIO CARRILLO FLORES ACCOMPANIED BY LEON TABAH DIRECTOR, POPULATION DIVISION, UNNY (FRENCH NATIONAL) PASSED FOUR DAYS IN PEKING AND ENVIRONS UNDER AUSPICES PRC MINHEALTH. PROGRAM CONTACT WAS MISS LEE, NO TITLE.

3. CARRILLO BEGAN REVIEW BY STATING THAT HE RECEIVED FIRM ASSURANCE WHILE IN PKEING OF PRC ATTENDANCE AT WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, BUCHAREST, AUGUST 19-30, 1974. HE STATED PRC HAS CLEAR POPULATION POLICIES WITHIN CONTEXT OVERALL NATIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AS OPPOSED TO NO CLEAR POLICIES AT LEVEL OF FAMILY. INCLUDED IN NATIONAL POLICY IS STRONG SECTION REGARDING INTERNAL MIGRATION VIEW FACT ACCORDING TO CARRILLO

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THAT HALF PRC TERRITORY IS UNDER POPULATED WHILE OTHER HALF IS

OVER POPULATED. PRC HAS ACCURATE URBAN CENSUS DATA BUT RURAL DATA IS DOUBTFUL. MINHEALTH OFFICIAL TOLD CARRILLO THAT THEY ADMIT TO POPULATION IN EXCESS OF 700 MILLION. NO NATIONAL CENSUS SINCE 1953. CARRILLO NOTED THAT A PLANNED ECONOMY REQUIRES A PLANNED POPULATION GROWTH. PRC HAS, HE SAID, RECOGNIZED THEIR PROBLEM, DESIGNED A POPULATION STRATEGY AND APPLIED REQUISITE RESOURCES.

4. CARRILLO AND TABAH SPENT ONE DAY AT DOUBLE BRIDGE COMMUNE, 40 MILES FROM PEKING, ONE DAY AT UNIDENTIFIED TEXTILE FACTORY, ONE DAY AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND THE REMAINDER IN AD HOC MEETINGS WITH TECHNICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS.

5. COMMUNE AND TEXTILE FACTORY VISITS ALLOWED INTERVIEWS WITH TWELVE WOMEN. THEY LEARNED, ACCORDING TO CARRILLO, THAT WOMEN HOLD THREE VALUES IN DETERMINING NUMBER AND SPACING OF CHILDREN IN FOLLOWING ORDER: (A) MOTHER'S AND CHILD'S HEALTH (B) ROLE OF MOTHER IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE (C) HIGH AUTHORITY'S DESIRE FOR SMALL FAMILIES. OF THE TWELVE WOMEN INTERVIEWED, THREE WERE STERILIZED. CONFUCIUS WAS WRONG TO POSIT THAT WOMEN SHOULD HAVE ONE MALE CHILD CARRILLO WAS TOLD BECAUSE MAN AND WOMAN HAVE SAME VALUE IN PRC SOCIETY. WOMEN TOLD CARRILLO ALSO THAT ALL KNOWN CONTRACEPTIVES USED INCLUDING ABORTION, LATE MARRIAGE BOTH SEXES CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCED FERTILITY AS WELL.

6. CARRILLO CLOSED BY STATING THAT PRC WILL INSIST AT BUCHAREST THAT NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY MUST DETERMINE WHAT POPULATION POLICIES ARE FORMULATED AND PROGRAMS DESIGNED.

7. WE UNINFORMED WHETHER CARRILLO IS DRAFTING TRIP REPORT. ANTONIO CARRILLO FLORES, SECRETARY GENERAL, WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, UNNY, FORMERLY FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.
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